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Note of the Administrator

Summary

The present note contains information on the extensions of the country programmes for Burundi, Lesotho and Liberia. Requests for first one-year extensions of country programmes are approved by the Administrator and presented to the Executive Board for information. Requests for second one-year extensions, two-year extensions and exceptional extensions of country programmes are submitted to the Board for approval.

Elements of a decision

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Lesotho and Liberia from 1 January to 31 December 2018.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the second one-year extension of the country programme for Burundi from 1 January to 31 December 2018.

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Annex

Table 1. For information by the Executive Board: Extensions of country programmes

Country	Years covered by original CPD	Year(s) covered by extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				One-year	Two-year	Harmonization of planning cycles	In-country political development	Other
Lesotho	2013-2017	N/A	January – December 2018	Yes		The purpose of this extension is to facilitate the alignment of the new UNDAF with the national development plan under formulation.		
Liberia	2013-2017	N/A	January – December 2018	Yes			In 2014 to 2017, implementation of the United Nations and UNDP programmes in the country was severely hampered due to a number of factors, namely, the Ebola crisis and the current preparations for the 2017 general elections. The extension is requested, with the endorsement of the Government, to enable more time to implement and align with national priorities, as espoused in the Agenda for Transformation.	

Table 2. For approval by the Executive Board: Extensions of country programmes

Country	Years covered by original CPD	Year(s) covered by extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				Second one-year	Two-year	Harmonization of planning cycles	In-country political development	Other
Burundi	2014-2016	2017	January – December 2018	Yes			The purpose of this extension is to align the programme cycle to the national development plans and policies.	

UNDAF – United Nations Development Assistance Framework
CPD – country programme document